

Architecture

Master of Architecture

The School of Architecture offers two tracks to the Master of Architecture degree:

- Track 1 is for applicants with a four-year undergraduate pre-professional degree in architecture from a National Architecture Accrediting Board (NAAB) accredited program and may be completed in two years of full-time study;
- Track 3 normally requires three semesters of preparatory work before entering the final two-year program of graduate study. Some applicants with design-related academic or professional experience may be able to complete the preparatory work in less time.

A variety of courses are available within the School of Architecture in urban and community design, architectural history and theory, material fabrication, professional practice, building technology and environmental systems.

Master of Advanced Architectural Studies

The Masters of Advanced Architectural Studies is a two to three semester, innovative program for committed, self-directed students who have earned a professional degree in architecture, or a degree in a related discipline. Four focus areas – *City Design*, *Public Interest Design*, *Energy and Technology*, and *History and Theory* – provide opportunities for specialized study in leading edge areas of the built environment. They address the design of sustainable, regenerative, equitable and inclusive cities, suburbs, and buildings, and the means to interpret and assess built environments. All are designed as platforms to explore solutions to the crucial issues of the 21st century.

All degrees will be distributed as "Master of Advanced Architectural Studies" without focus area specifications.

Master's Degree Requirements

The school stipulates the minimum course credits based on educational and professional goals to individualize a plan of study.

Student Financial Support

The school awards scholarships, awards, and teaching assistantships competitively. It also supports national and statewide scholarships, fellowships, and awards. All support is merit based, not need based. No special application for such support is necessary at the time of admissions.

National Architectural Accrediting Board (NAAB)

In the United States, most state registration boards require a degree from an accredited professional degree program as a prerequisite for licensure. The National Architectural Accrediting Board (NAAB), which is the sole agency authorized to accredit U.S. professional degree programs in architecture, recognizes three types of degrees: the Bachelor of Architecture, the Master of Architecture, and the Doctor of Architecture. A program may be granted a 8-year, 4-year, or 2-year term of accreditation, depending on the extent of its conformance with established educational standards.

Doctor of Architecture and Master of Architecture degree programs may consist of a pre-professional undergraduate degree and a professional graduate degree that, when earned sequentially, constitute an accredited professional education. However, the pre-professional degree is not, by itself, recognized as an accredited degree.

The NC State University School of Architecture offers the following NAAB accredited degree programs:

- B.Arch (pre-professional degree + 30 graduate credits)
- M.Arch Track 1 (pre-professional degree + 48 graduate credits)
- M.Arch Track 3 (non-pre-professional degree + 96 credits)

Next Accreditation Visit for All Programs: 2026

More Information

Architecture Program Website (<https://design.ncsu.edu/architecture/academics/master-degree/>)

Admission Requirements

In addition to documents required by the Graduate School, students apply to the Master of Architecture program by submitting the following documents by January 15:

1. Portfolio of work;
2. Completed School Personal Data Form;
3. TOEFL/ IELTS scores (foreign language students only).

Applicants will be considered on an individual basis. Exceptions to Graduate School policy may be made for students indicating other qualifications and professional experience.

Applicant Information

- **Delivery Method:** On Campus
- **Entrance Exam:** Note: The School of Architecture has suspended the GRE requirement at this time.
- **Interview Required:** None

Application Deadlines

- **Fall:** January 15 (US and Int)
- **Spring:** October 15 (US) July 15 (Int)

More Information

Architecture Program Admissions Information (<https://design.ncsu.edu/architecture/academics/march-admissions/>)

Degrees

- Architecture (MR) (<http://catalog.ncsu.edu/graduate/design/architecture/architecture-mr/>)
- Architecture (MR): History and Theory of Architecture Concentration (<http://catalog.ncsu.edu/graduate/design/architecture/architecture-mr-history-theory-concentration/>)
- Advanced Architectural Studies (MR) (<http://catalog.ncsu.edu/graduate/design/architecture/advanced-architectural-studies-mr/>)
- City Design (Certificate) (<http://catalog.ncsu.edu/graduate/design/architecture/city-design-certificate/>)

- Energy and Technology in Architecture (Certificate) (<http://catalog.ncsu.edu/graduate/design/architecture/energy-technology-architecture-certificate/>)
- Public Interest Design (Certificate) (<http://catalog.ncsu.edu/graduate/design/architecture/public-interest-design-certificate/>)

Faculty

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